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CHURCHILL DOWNS JOCKEYS, HALL OF FAMER PAT DAY AND CHURCHILL CHARLIE SET FOR ANNUAL KOSAIR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL VISIT ON THURSDAY, JUNE 23

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Wednesday, June 22, 2016) – Leading riders **Corey Lanerie** and **Julien Leparoux** and other stars of the **Churchill Downs Racetrack** jockey colony are set to join retired Hall of Fame rider and Kentucky Derby (Grade I) winner **Pat Day**, popular Churchill Downs' mascot **Churchill Charlie** and other track representatives on **Thursday, June 23** in the riders' annual visit with young patients at Louisville's **Kosair Children's Hospital**.

The riding stars are expected to **arrive at the hospital at 231 E. Chestnut Street at approximately 12:30 p.m. (all times Eastern)**. The jockeys, all of whom will wear racing silks, will gather in the hospital's first floor reception area. They will separate into teams led by hospital staff and volunteers who will guide them through the hospital to visit and share gifts with individual patients and their families.

Lanerie has earned 10 leading jockey titles at Churchill Downs and leads Leparoux in the contest for Spring Meet riding honors by a margin of 46-32 heading into this week's "Twilight Thursday" program at Churchill Downs. Close behind in the standings are **Florent Geroux** (29 wins), **Robby Albarado** (27) and **Brian Hernandez Jr.** (25) and all three are scheduled to participate in Thursday's Kosair Children's Hospital visit.

Day is the most successful jockey in the history of Churchill Downs with 2,482 career victories beneath the track's Twin Spires and an overall career total of 8,803 wins that ranks fourth in total wins in American racing history. His victories include a triumph aboard **Lil E. Tee** in the 1992 Kentucky Derby that forever linked Day with Kosair Children's Hospital. He wore a cap bearing the hospital's logo in the Kentucky Derby Winner's Circle to fulfill a promise made to a patient during his visit to the hospital a day earlier.

Other riding stars expected to participate in Thursday's visit with Kosair Children's Hospital include **Shaun Bridgmohan**, **Ricardo Santana Jr.**, **Joe Rocco Jr.**, **Jesus Castanon**, **Jon Court**, **Francisco Torres**, **Marlon St. Julien**, **Miguel Mena**, **Chris Landeros**, **Marcelino Pedroza**, **Channing Hill**, **Carlos Hernandez**, **Jack Gilligan** and **Declan Cannon**.

The visit by Churchill Downs jockeys to Kosair Children's Hospital is an annual tradition that was launched nearly 30 years ago. The first visit occurred on Kentucky Oaks Day in 1988 when four Kentucky Derby jockeys visited young patients at the hospital. That foursome was comprised of future Hall of Famers **Gary Stevens** (eventual winner of the Derby on **Winning Colors**), **Day** (runner-up on **Forty Niner**), **Eddie Delahoussaye** (third on **Risen Star**) and **Jerry Bailey** (fourth on **Proper Reality**).

The Kosair Children's Hospital visit was scheduled on Kentucky Oaks Day during its early years, but with the gradual expansion of the Kentucky Oaks' racing and entertainment schedule the event has in recent years been scheduled toward the end of the Churchill Downs Spring Meet.

Media coverage of the annual visit by Churchill Downs jockeys to Kosair Children's Hospital is welcomed. Interested media should enter the hospital through its **main entrance on E. Chestnut** to meet with the riders, Churchill Downs representatives and Kosair Children's Hospital staff and volunteers. If they wish, media crews can accompany jockeys on their tours.

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About Kosair Children's Hospital

As Kentucky and Southern Indiana's only full-service, free-standing pediatric hospital, Kosair Children's Hospital, along with its predecessor hospitals, have cared for children for more than a century without regard to their families' ability to pay. The hospital also is an advocate for the health and well-being of all children. The 267-bed hospital is the region's only Level I Pediatric Trauma Center and serves as the primary pediatric teaching facility for the University of Louisville School of Medicine. Specialists offer comprehensive pediatric care, including a full range of services for congenital and acquired heart disease, cancer care, neurosciences, spine and orthopaedic care, and neonatal care. In 2007 and 2012, Kosair Children's Hospital received the prestigious Magnet designation recognizing excellence in nursing from the American Nurses Credentialing Center. More information is available at KosairChildrensHospital.com.

Churchill Downs, the world's most legendary racetrack, has conducted Thoroughbred racing and presented America's greatest race, the Kentucky Derby, continuously since 1875. Located in Louisville, the flagship racetrack of Churchill Downs Incorporated (NASDAQ: CHDN) offers year-round simulcast wagering at the historic track. Churchill Downs will conduct the 143rd running of the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands on May 6, 2017. The track's 2016 Spring Meet will continue through July 2. Churchill Downs has hosted the Breeders' Cup World Championships eight times and the event will return to the track in 2018. Information is available at www.ChurchillDowns.com.

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